REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request that the foregoing amendment be made prior to examination of the present application. No new matter is introduced by the foregoing amendment.

Applicants have submitted a substitute specification that better complies with U.S. patent practice. The substitute specification includes paragraph numbers and section headers, including BACKGROUND, SUMMARY, BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE FIGURES, and DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS. Applicants have placed the BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE FIGURES before the DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS, as indicated in 37 C.F.R. § 1.77(b)(1).

Applicants believe that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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